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After 20 years I recently moved from my lovely home near Carson Street and Cherry Avenue. The noise from the airplanes taking off over my home and the noise from the traffic on Cherry Avenue are the reasons I left. I loved my home and neighborhood, and had been a neighborhood watch captain while I lived there. However, "living there" became such a burden that I was forced to move. It is extremely important that someone listen to the people in the airport-impacted areas of Long Beach, and that you never agree to expand the airport and ruin the quality of life that sits below all those loud, polluting, dangerous airplanes. The Long Beach residents sitting below the airplanes are trying to sleep, trying to have a family barbecue in the backyard, trying to have a conversation around the breakfast table, and trying to put their grandchildren down for a nap. All of these simple activities have been ruined for us by the thunderous sound of airplane after airplane taking off. The importance this city places on the almighty dollar over the quality of life for it's residents is pressing. Cherry Avenue has been severely impacted with traffic and trashy billboards while Lakewood Blvd. is as pristine as could be. All because of the airport. Small airplanes and helicopters seem to fly whenever and wherever they wish. There is absolutely no thought about the folks below. It is time for the money-hungry politicians of Long Beach to visit the airport-impacted neighborhoods and stay there for a while so they can experience the disruption in these otherwise quiet neighborhoods and then ask why they are begging the airlines for their business. The houses may look quiet from the outside, but there is a lot of frustration and anger inside these homes. These residents deserve a quiet life especially if they are paying in-excess of a half million for a house. I have already witnessed by neighborhood deteriorate because of the airport. Good residents don't want to live that way and will move leaving nice neighborhoods open to graffiti and crime. Long Beach never seems to learn from it's mistakes.

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